

Prescribed Fire Training Center Steering Committee

Background

July 10, 1997 was the first organizational meeting of the Prescribed Fire Training Center. It was just a concept on paper at the beginning of the meeting. The question was asked if a program could be ready in January 1998. At the conclusion of that meeting, the concept turned into a "done" deal and on January 5, 1998, the first session became a reality. A Steering Committee was chartered at this time.

Responsibility

The Steering Committee has been charged with providing the Center Director and Administrator feedback as to whether the mission of the Center is being carried out. The mission is to maintain a national interagency center of excellence for prescribed fire, with an emphasis on actual field experience, in order to increase skills and knowledge and to build confidence in the application of prescribed fire.

Composition

Initially the Steering Committee was driven by field personnel, kept small, close to the ground and close to Florida. The July, 1997 Steering Committee consisted of six members. Twelve months later the Committee added four members which included the PFTC Director and Administrator. At the July, 1999 meeting it was decided to add national representation from BIA, NPS and BLM to the Committee. The chair position was established for a two year rotation. A vice-chair position was then established at the July, 2000 meeting.

Members

Barbara Bonefeld, FS, Western Representative/Chair
Roger Boykin, FWS, Eastern Representative
Bess Dickson, PFTC Administrator
Joe Ferguson, FS, Florida Representative
John Fort, PFTC Director
Ken Garvin, NPS Representative
Mike Hilbruner, FS, WO Advisor
Ira Jolly, DOF, Florida Representative
Dave Koch, BIA Representative
Ken McLaughlin, DOI, Florida Representative
Phil Range, BLM Representative
John Stivers, FS, Region 8 Representative
Phil Street, FWS, Western Representative/Vice-Chair

